



# INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES

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**January 7, 2013**

Indiana State House

Room 225

200 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) convened at 3:03 p.m.

ICSB Members David Kogan and Maureen Weber were present in person. ICSB Members Larry DeMoss, Jamie Garwood, Karega Rausch, and Bill Shrewsberry were present via conference call. ICSB Member Virginia Calvin was absent. Staff members Claire Fiddian-Green and Sarah Sullivan were present. Joe Ableidinger with national education policy consulting firm Public Impact was present via conference call for the portion of the agenda related to the ICSB Spring 2013 application.

#### I. **Call to Order / Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Kogan moved for approval of the meeting minutes from the December ICSB Meeting. Mr. Shrewsberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. **Executive Session**

At 3:05 p.m., ICSB Members entered into an Executive Session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5): To receive information about and interview prospective employees, and also under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9): To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. Staff members excused themselves from the room, and were invited to return at 3:12 p.m. following the close of the Executive Session. The open meeting resumed immediately thereafter.

### **III. Organizational Structure**

Ms. Weber discussed guidance from the Attorney General's Office that ICSB Members should take official action to hire staff now that the ICSB has begun to collect administrative fees pursuant to IC § 20-24-7-4(e). Mr. Rausch moved to hire Claire Fiddian-Green as Executive Director and Sarah Sullivan as Manager. Mr. Kogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fiddian-Green presented the proposed organizational structure for the ICSB, including two new staff positions to be added in 2013: a Director of Accountability, and a Director of Legal Affairs and Policy. Mr. Rausch moved to approve the proposed structure. Ms. Garwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rausch followed with a separate motion to delegate to Ms. Fiddian-Green the authority to hire qualified individuals to fill the two open positions. Mr. Shrewsbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, the Board discussed the Implementation Grant awarded in September 2012 to the ICSB by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers' Fund for Authorizing Excellence. Now that a separate business unit exists for the ICSB, the grant must be transferred from the IDOE – which has served as fiscal agent for the grant – to the new business unit. Mr. Kogan moved to transfer the grant funds to the ICSB business unit, effective immediately. Mr. Rausch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Fiddian-Green indicated she would work with the State Budget Agency to effectuate the successful transition of the grant funds.

### **IV. Accountability System Sub-Group Indicator Recommendation**

Ms. Fiddian-Green presented a final recommendation on the sub-group indicator for the ICSB's Accountability System, which was developed with additional guidance from Public Impact, and ICSB Members agreed the revision more accurately reflected the ICSB's intention as expressed during the December ICSB Meeting. Mr. Rausch moved to approve the revised indicator. Ms. Garwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **V. Innovation Component of RFP – with Public Impact**

Joe Ableidinger with Public Impact joined the ICSB Meeting via telephone for this portion of the agenda. Mr. Ableidinger facilitated a discussion regarding innovative school models and advised the ICSB on recommended additions to the RFP for new and experienced charter operators. ICSB Members discussed where the Innovation section should be placed within the existing RFP and if the section should be referred to as "recommended" or "optional". The conclusion was to move the

Innovation section to the end of the application and to refer to it as “If Applicable”. Mr. Kogan moved to amend the current RFP with the changes suggested by Public Impact, and to reflect the meeting discussion. Mr. Shrewsbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Weber and Ms. Fiddian-Green thanked Mr. Ableidinger, who then exited the conference call.

**VI. Update on the ICSB-Authorized Charter Schools**

Ms. Fiddian-Green provided an update to ICSB Members on each of the ICSB-authorized schools. The last update was regarding Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy in Fort Wayne. To comply with the State Ethics Commission ruling from November 2011, Ms. Garwood exited the conference call prior to the discussion of this school.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.